

# V The Vision for 2020

*“Sustainable development ensures that all members of present and future generations can achieve economic security, social well-being, quality of life and preserve the ecological integrity on which all life depends.”*

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*The Commission envisions a California in 2020 where every Californian enjoys great economic opportunity and an outstanding quality of life, including a healthy and attractive environment. By embracing the idea of sustainable development, our actions and investments today provide ourselves and our children an undiminished set of opportunities which they, in turn, will pass on to our grandchildren and future generations.*

*The Commission believes that Californians can do even better than just pass on our current opportunities and resources. We believe that carefully planned infrastructure investments will enhance the economy, environment and quality of life and broaden the impact of our prosperity. These investments will make communities thrive where today there is despair and poverty. We must also do a better job of building new communities. These investments will improve our ability to live within our means by using resources such as land, air, water and energy more wisely, even as the State continues to grow.*

In order to achieve the vision for California, we realize we cannot invest on the basis of cost versus benefit alone. We must also consider qualitative criteria important to all Californians. These policy values must be incorporated in future investment decisions along with traditional economic analysis.

ACCESS	Ensuring all Californians' access to services and facilities
CULTURAL AND ARTS PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT	Preserving and enhancing the State's artistic, historical and cultural assets while ensuring access to those assets for all Californians
ECONOMY	Ensuring the continued development of California's economy and livable wages for Californians
EDUCATED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE	Providing the infrastructure to develop and fully employ an educated and skilled workforce that is matched to the needs of the State
HOUSING AFFORDABILITY	Planning for and ensuring an adequate supply of housing that is affordable for all Californians

*The Commission is neither pro-growth nor anti-growth, but we accept that significantly more people will be living in the state by 2020. We envision a California that will grow over the next 20 years and still have a better economy, environment, and quality of life than we enjoy today. The Commission recognizes that even with the best use of land and infrastructure in existing developed areas, additional development will be needed in new and existing communities. Our challenge and opportunity is to apply new standards and practices in all future infrastructure investment to create more livable and sustainable communities.*

*Careful planning and strategic investments can succeed in growing our quality of life at the same time that California's economy and population continues to expand.*



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INFRASTRUCTURE EFFICIENCY (AFFORDABILITY)	Ensuring that California plans for efficient and effective use of its existing and future infrastructure to maintain the State as an affordable place to live and conduct business
MOBILITY	Enhancing the mobility of California's people and goods
PERSONAL TIME	Protecting Californians' personal time and time spent with family, on recreation or self-improvement
PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT	Protecting and restoring the environment, preserving open spaces, and conserving natural resources
SAFETY	Enhancing the safety of the State's infrastructure
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES	Taking advantage of California's leading position in the 21st Century economy to educate our citizens and provide innovative solutions to our infrastructure challenges